

A complete listing of all claims in this application is set forth below.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 3-24 as set forth below and cancel claim 2.

(Currently amended) 1. A method of organizing electronic document-related information comprising:

~~a) generating a collection of electronic documents;~~

[[b)]] forming ~~from said collection,~~ at least one cluster of electronic documents based upon a user's selection of a subject;

~~e) determining for~~ identifying each author of the documents in said cluster,
~~the~~ and accumulating a number of times each ~~[[said]]~~ identified author is an author of a document in the cluster of electronic documents corresponding to said subject;

[[d)]] ranking each ~~[[said]]~~ identified author according to the number accumulated for each identified author ~~results of Step c);~~ and

[[e)]] presenting the rankings for the identified authors ~~results of Step d)~~ in ~~the form of~~ an index form.

(Canceled) 2.

(Currently Amended) 3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising;
searching documents hyperlinked to the cluster of electronic documents;
and

modifying the ~~ranking of Step d)~~ according to the number of times
accumulated for an author with a number of citations for the identified author is-
eited in ~~[[a]]~~ the hyperlinked documents pertaining to said subject.

(Currently amended) 4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising;
searching documents hyperlinked to the cluster of electronic documents;
and

modifying the ~~ranking of Step d)~~ according to the number of times
accumulated for an identified author ~~[[is]]~~ by a number of times the identified
author is an author of a hyperlinked document pertaining to said subject.

(Currently amended) 5. The method of Claim 1, wherein said ~~collection~~
cluster of electronic documents is ~~[[taken]]~~ formed from documents stored at a
specified World Wide Web domain.

(Currently amended) 6. The method of Claim 1, wherein said ~~collection~~
cluster of electronic documents is ~~[[taken]]~~ formed from documents stored at a
specified Intranet.

(Currently amended) 7. The method of Claim 1, wherein said ~~collection~~
cluster of electronic documents is ~~[[taken]]~~ formed from documents managed by
a particular an identified server.

(Currently amended) 8. The method of Claim 1, wherein said ~~collection~~ cluster of electronic documents is ~~[[taken]]~~ formed from a specified directory of documents.

(Currently amended) 9. The method of Claim 1, wherein said ~~collection~~ cluster of electronic documents is ~~[[taken]]~~ formed from documents stored on the entire World Wide Web.

(Currently amended) 10. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
~~in response to receiving~~ user input, ~~establishing~~ specifying a frequency of citation threshold; and

excluding an author ~~[[form]]~~ from the index when the accumulated number of times for an identified author is ~~cited fewer~~ less than said specified frequency of citation threshold.

(Currently amended) 11. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
excluding from said accumulated number of times for an identified author, ~~redundant~~ documents that are redundant in content but stored in a different ~~formats~~ format different than the format of a document previously counted.

(Currently amended) 12. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
excluding from said accumulated number, ~~redundant~~ documents that are
redundant in content but stored in different repositories a repository different than
a repository in which a document previously counted is stored.

(Currently amended) 13. The method of Claim 3, further comprising:
excluding from said accumulated number, ~~cyclically-referenced~~ documents
that cite documents previously counted.

(Currently amended) 14. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
forming a second index ~~comprising~~ for each identified author, the second
index containing a number of times a document corresponding to ~~[[said]]~~ the
selected subject and having the same author~~[[,]]~~ is cited in another document by
the ~~[[same]]~~ identified author.

(Currently amended) 15. A system for organizing electronic document-
related information comprising:

~~a) an electronic document collection generator adapted to generate a~~
~~collection of electronic documents;~~

~~[[b)]] a document cluster former adapted to form from said collection, for~~
forming at least one cluster of electronic documents based upon a user's
selection of a subject;

~~[[c]]~~ an author counter ~~adapted to count and output~~ for identifying each author of a document ~~documents~~ in said cluster~~[[,]]~~ and accumulating the number of times each ~~[[said]]~~ identified author is an author of a document in the cluster corresponding to said subject;

~~[[d]]~~ an author ranker for ranking ~~adapted to rank~~ each ~~[[said]]~~ identified author according to the number of times accumulated for the identified author ~~output of said counter~~; and

~~[[e]]~~ an author indexer ~~adapted to present the results of~~ for sorting the identified authors into ~~ranker in the form of~~ an index.

(Currently amended) 16. The system of Claim 15, wherein ~~said index~~ corresponds to a subject matter expertise of the identified said authors corresponds to the sorting of the identified authors in the index.

(Currently amended) 17. The system of Claim 15, further comprising:
a hyperlink document searcher for searching ~~adapted to search~~
documents hyperlinked to the cluster of documents; and

~~wherein said~~ the author counter ~~is further adapted to counts~~ ~~[[the]]~~ a
number of times an identified author is cited in a hyperlinked document pertaining
to said subject.

(Currently amended) 18. The system of Claim 15, further comprising:
a hyperlink document searcher ~~adapted to search~~ for searching
documents hyperlinked to the cluster of documents; and
~~wherein said~~ the author counter ~~is further adapted to counts~~ [[the]] a
number of times an identified author is [[the]] an author of a hyperlinked
document pertaining to said subject.

(Currently amended) 19. The system of Claim 15, wherein said
~~collection~~ cluster of electronic documents is [[taken]] formed from documents
stored at a specified World Wide Web domain.

(Currently amended) 20. The system of Claim 15, wherein said
~~collection~~ cluster of electronic documents is [[taken]] formed from documents
stored on a specified Intranet.

(Currently amended) 21. The system of Claim 15, wherein said
~~collection~~ cluster of electronic documents is [[taken]] formed from documents
managed by a ~~particular~~ specified server.

(Currently amended) 22. The system of Claim 15, wherein said
~~collection~~ cluster of electronic documents is [[taken]] formed from documents
stored in a specified directory ~~of documents~~.

(Currently amended) 23. The system of Claim 15, wherein said ~~collection~~ cluster of electronic documents is ~~[[taken]]~~ formed from documents stored on ~~[[among]]~~ the ~~entire~~ World Wide Web.

(Currently amended) 24. The system of Claim 15, further comprising:
a frequency of citation threshold ~~establisher adapted to, in response to~~
~~user input, establish~~ receiver for receiving a frequency of citation threshold; and
~~wherein said~~ the author indexer is ~~further adapted to~~ excludes an identified
author from the index when the accumulated number of times for an identified
author is ~~cited fewer~~ less than ~~[[said]]~~ the received frequency of citation
threshold.